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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,  
Applicant hereby calls to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-95246, which was published on  
October 20, 2000, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 9-215097, which was published on  
August 15, 1997, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-178076, which was published on July  
2, 1999, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-13786, which was published on January  
24, 2000;

U.S. Patent No. 6,138,150 to NICHOLS et al., which issued on October 24, 2000;

U.S. Patent No. 6,359,892 to SZLAM, which issued on March 19, 2002;

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U.S. Patent No. 6,580,950 to JOHNSON et al., which issued on June 17, 2003;

U.S. Patent No. 6,198,479 to HUMPLEMAN et al., which issued on March 6, 2001;

U.S. Patent No. 6,139,177 to VENKATRAMAN et al., which issued on October 31, 2000;

U.S. Patent No. 5,956,487 to VENKATRAMAN et al., which issued on September 21, 1999;

U.S. Patent No. 6,523,696 to SAITO et al., which issued on February 25, 2003;

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and all of the documents have been listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant also brings to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending, commonly assigned patent application:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/765,394 to SEKIGUCHI, which was filed on January 22, 2001.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(iii), a copy of the above-noted patent application is enclosed herewith. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of this patent application at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

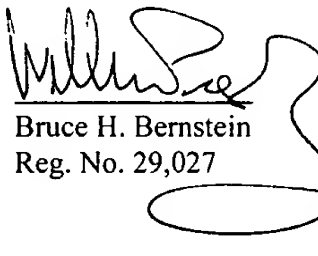
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fee is believed due for consideration of these documents.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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